

WESLEYAN WILL HAVE FAST TEAM THIS FALL

Prospects Are Bright for the Best Team in the Last Three Years.

BUCKHANNON, Sept. 23.—A week of practice, three days of it under the watchful eye of Coach Neale and all of it under the direction of Assistant Coach Kellison, has served to prove to all who are interested that Wesleyan will be represented through the coming football season by a team fully up to its standard, if not, indeed, by one above the standard of the last four or five years.

Ten Veterans Back.

During the week just closing, ten men from the fifty odd on the squad at the present time, have been in the limelight. Four of these are members of the 1915 team, six are newcomers to the host of new men Wesleyan has to draw from this year. Probably the most outstanding feature of the work of any of the candidates has been the showing made at an end by Blake, last year's substitute quarterback. Previous to coming to Wesleyan from Greenbrier Military Institute, Blake has always played at end, but was shifted to the backfield by Coach Garlow in 1915.

Blake on End.

Announcing that he would rather have a try at a terminal position this first day out, he has been given his chance and that he has "made good" is putting it all too mildly. His tackling has been the cleanest and at the same time the hardest of any ever witnessed on the local field and to keep him from one of the terminal positions, in spite of the presence of the two veteran wing men is going to be extremely difficult.

That Beck is showing phenomenal form is not surprising to those who followed his career in 1915. With full ten pounds more weight, a year's experience and more aggressiveness than ever, he easily stands out even at this early date as one of the most brilliant players the state will see this fall.

Shumaker Looks Good.

Shumaker, after having had a poor year in 1915, is back in perfect condition and his stout smashes off tackle as well as his clever running in the open field is all and more than it ever has been before. His work in the interference and on the defense also evidently has added "punch" behind it and from all appearances, his last year at Wesleyan is going to be the best year of all for Shumaker.

In the line Allen, while persistently counted as too weak to be a member of the caliber of team Wesleyan should have to go through its 1916 schedule in good order, is nevertheless slowly gaining the confidence even of those who have been his most merciless critics. Allen's willingness and his knowledge of the game has never been brought into question, but last year he showed a tendency to be injured easily and lacked aggressiveness. This year he is starting out differently and although the season is yet young he has been tearing through his opponents and throwing runners for losses in a way that begets confidence of the very strongest sort.

Ross in Limelight.

Of the new men, the showing of young Kelcie Ross, the somewhat diminutive halfback, who, as captain of the Buckhannon high school team in 1915, won the state championship and was selected for all-state halfback, has been most consistently in the limelight. Ross has the kind of fight that was painfully lacking in Wesleyan's 1915 aggregation, and while not fast in the trial sprints, and being tight in weight, as has been noted, he has never been so conspicuous that a somewhat detailed search through the names of those available for halfbacks in Saturday's game with Davis-Elkins College fails to reveal any two men on the whole squad more conspicuously available for Coach Neale's initial selection to start the first game of the year. He is a clean, hard tackler and his short jabs into the line and around the end impress every onlooker with his ability.

Many on Injured List.

Jack Harris, though injured for the last few days and unable to do rough work, has proved his ability and is being groomed for a varsity job. Harris is a reliable kicker, has the very heaviest of football heads and to all outward appearances belongs somewhere back of the line of scrimmage, though just where he will finally land is as yet somewhat indefinite. Roberts, another backfield man, has been sent to all witnesses of the daily practice because of his eagerness for work, and the very apparent fact that he has all the qualifications for a backfield man with "more weight" which is the crying need at Wesleyan. Not enough of Roberts has been seen to tell just where he is going to fit in, but he looks very good.

Two Good Tacklers.

In the line three new men have been in the limelight, namely Taylor and Clark at tackles and Tschappat at a guard. There are several candidates for guards, who have more weight than Tschappat, but Tschappat has had three years of excellent coaching at Ballah, O. high school, tackles hard, charges low, works all the time, and that kind of football is hard to crowd out. Vance is apparently a fixture at one of the guards. With two full years of experience, in better condition physically than heretofore, and (what counts more than all else), with real enthusiasm for his work, he seems destined for a big year.

Henryetta May Make Good.

Henryetta should not be left out, because he apparently has every qualification for becoming a great line-man. However, he has not improved in his work as had been hoped, mainly because of the fact that he is inexperienced and because he does not charge lower. These things can be remedied, however, and before the end of the year Henryetta should be one of the strongest men on the squad. Taylor and Clark make two tackles comparable only with Archer and Kellison of Wesleyan's first championship team in 1912. Taylor is more experienced than Clark and knows the game thoroughly. The coaches have so far had little worrying to do over his form in his position and Taylor has from the first been one of the "pillars" around which the sort of line Wesleyan must have built. Clark is rugged, weighs about 185, has played considerable football, is very

fast for a big man and tackles extremely hard. In fact his ferocious charges into the man with the man carrying the ball, quite often carry him entirely past his prey, but this fault is being overcome and he is gradually becoming accustomed to playing on the left side of the line, instead of on the right as formerly.

Old Men Show "Pop."

Captain Miller, Morrison, Wagner, Resseger, Jacobs, Harvey, C. Smith and "Jimmy" Heavner, who just returned Friday, have not yet struck their top speed and when all these men of known football ability get into action there will be some exceptional scrimmages staged on college field and the liveliest battle for positions that has ever been seen here will be witnessed. Lester Tennant, an end from Waynesburg college and Cole McCauley, last year's center on the Buckhannon high school team, reported for the first time this week.

Abe Fisher, the Canton high school phenom, has so far been somewhat inconspicuous, but Abe is a quiet worker and his efforts will show before the season is far advanced. Okey Glenn and John Morideth, backfield men from New Martinsville and Moundsville high schools, respectively, are very light, but they have been very noticeable in the workouts, and along with "Shorty" Grimm from the Buckhannon high school, and Ward, the varsity basketballer, have shown that they know football and that they will not be left out of consideration. "Dutch" Neale has been on the hospital list along with Harris, Morris, Blake and Harrison. Neale has been hors de combat for four or five days, the others have been taking part in the work occasionally. "Dutch" is another of the willing workers who cannot be denied.

Neale on the Job.

Coach Neale arrived Wednesday afternoon from New York. Immediately he took charge and from the start it has been evident that he intends to be boss. Already he has gained the confidence and admiration of the men in the squad and everything that conduces to harmony seems to be present.

In the Wake of the News

By Ring W. Lardner.

SEPT. 19.

Dick and I are going flat hunting tomorrow and I am so excited. I wonder if every girl feels the same thrill over picking out their own home. Of course we will have to get an inexpensive apartment as Dick's present salary is only \$75 per month, but he expects an increase the first of the year. I know he will want to rent an apartment that is beyond our means as he wants me to have everything the best, but I will insist on him taking an inexpensive one as it would not be fair to put too much burden on him when we are just starting out.

And besides I will be so happy with him that it will make little difference if we live in a palace or a hovel. He has just phoned me. The dear boy only wanted to know what kind of flowers I liked so he could bring me some when he comes out tonight.

"Dick," I said, "you mustn't be so extravagant. I will be just as glad to see you if you bring yourself and no flowers."

"But how about a few carnations?" he inquired.

"Well, Dick, if you insist," I said. "I would rather have orchids than any other flower. But please don't be extravagant and get too many."

I hope the dear foolish boy doesn't bring any at all and not more than a dozen at most. We must learn to economize, he and I.

SEPT. 21.

Dick and I have picked out our apartment and it is too sweet for anything. It is four rooms and a front porch at Prairie avenue and Sixtieth street, first floor, and we are getting it at \$40 a month, which is a real bargain.

The real estate man said he would hold it for us until the first of November if we would sign a year's lease.

CUBS AND SUPERBAS DIVIDE DOUBLE BILL

League Leaders Drop the First Game but Come Back Strong in Second.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 23.—Chicago held the National league leaders to an even break today, winning the first game 3 to 1, and losing the second 4 to 1 in a game called at the end of the seventh inning on account of darkness. Vaughn and Coombs had a pitcher's duel in the curtain raiser. The Brooklyn veteran weakened in eighth. Both sides feckled poorly in the second but Pfeffer was the more effective pitcher and won his twenty-third victory of the season. Another double header will be played Monday.

The score:

CHICAGO	A. B. R. H. P. A. E.
Zelder, 3b	5 1 1 0 2 0
Black, rf	3 0 2 1 0 0
Mann, lf	3 1 1 1 0 0
Safer, 1b	2 1 0 8 1 1
Williams, cf	1 0 1 4 0 0
Wilson, c	4 0 1 6 1 0
Yerkes, 2b	4 0 0 6 4 0
Wortman, ss	4 0 2 1 3 0
Vaughn, p	4 0 0 0 2 0
Totals	31 3 8 27 13 1

BROOKLYN	A. B. R. H. P. A. E.
Johnston, lf	4 0 1 3 0 0
Myers, cf	3 0 2 0 0 0
Stengel, rf	4 0 1 1 0 0
Merkle, 1b	4 0 0 10 1 0
Cuthaw, 2b	3 1 1 3 3 1
Mowrey, 3b	2 0 1 1 3 0
Olson, ss	3 0 1 1 6 1
Miller, c	3 0 0 7 1 0
Coombs, p	2 0 0 0 0 1
Dell, p	0 0 0 0 0 0
Meyers, x	1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals	28 1 7 27 15 2

x—Batted for Coombs in eighth inning.

Scores first game: Chicago 100 000 020—3 Brooklyn 000 010 000—1 Two base hit—Flack. Stolen base—Flack. Sacrifice hits—Mann, Safer, Flack, Mowrey, Myers, Cuthaw. Sacrifice fly—Williams. Double plays—Wortman, Yerkes and Safer; Olson, Cuthaw and Merkle. Left on bases—Chicago 7; Brooklyn 4. First on errors—Chicago 2; Brooklyn 1. Base on balls—Off Vaughn 1; off Coombs 2. Hits and earned runs—Off Coombs 8 and 1 in 8 innings; Dell none in no innings; Vaughn 1. Struck out—Vaughn 6; Coombs 2. Dell 3. Wild pitch—Coombs 1.

NATIONAL BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results.

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 2, first game.
Boston 1, Pittsburgh 1, second game.
Chicago 3, Brooklyn 1, first game.
Chicago 4, Chicago 1, second game.
New York 6, St. Louis 1, first game.
New York 3, St. Louis 0, second game.
Philadelphia 7, Cincinnati 3, first game.
Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 0, second game.

*Called and thirteenth, darkness.
xCalled and seventh, darkness.
zCalled and seventh, darkness.

Games Today.

No games scheduled, all teams playing in the East.

Standing of Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	87	55	.608
Philadelphia	85	57	.598
Boston	79	63	.557
New York	78	62	.557
Pittsburgh	65	81	.445
Chicago	64	83	.435
St. Louis	60	87	.408
Cincinnati	57	91	.385

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Boston 5, Cleveland 3.
Washington 6, Detroit 3.
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 2.
New York 7, Chicago 2.

Today's Games.

Boston at Cleveland.
New York at Chicago.
Washington at Detroit.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	86	59	.592
Chicago	84	64	.567
Detroit	84	65	.563
New York	69	82	.454
St. Louis	77	72	.517
Cleveland	75	73	.507
Washington	72	72	.500
Philadelphia	32	112	.222

Umpires—Olson and Rigler.

Time—1:45.

Second game—

Chicago 010 000 0—4 7

Brooklyn 001 020 1—4 10 2

McConnell, Prendergast, Packard and Wilson; Pfeffer and Meyers.

OPEN STYLE OF PLAY SAVED FOOTBALL

Game Would Long Since Have Been Abolished if It Had Not Been Introduced.

(By SOL METZGER)

Coach of the Washington and Jefferson Football Team.

Intercollegiate football owes its life to the open game. During the doubtful days following the season of 1905 it seemed doomed because mass plays and "beef" turned the tide of victory and defeat. Up until that time rough play and unsportsmanlike conduct flourished because the mucker could hide his dirty work in the scrimmage, and injury—not always accidental—was common. The public rightfully demanded a clean game—one which put a premium on sportsmanship, strategy and speed. Had these qualities not been substituted for brutal play and sheer physical power football stood to be abolished.

Forward Pass Is Born.

Thus was born the forward pass and thus died the old mass plays wherein the runner was pushed, pulled and pummeled. The result was a game which, while exacting strategy of coaches and generalship and individual initiative of players in no way sacrificed the splendid qualities of courage and co-operation that have always characterized this sport.

Yet the change was gradual, rather than immediate, due in part to a tendency among coaches to hold to former principles. But the constructive minds of football welcomed the new scheme of things, particularly the forward pass, as they saw therein opportunity to make the results of contests a matter of skill rather than of avoidable dupes. And while it must be granted that many successful teams have not used this means of attack there is ample evidence that the forward pass ranks on equal terms with the most powerful running offense as a weapon of attack.

Defense the Key to Success.

Defense has ever been the key to success in football. For years it has been demonstrated that the team which checks the opposition's attack cannot be defeated. Therefore, when the forward pass was given to football the first problem of the strategist was to create a defense for it. In order to produce a successful defense a coach must know or sense the attack. As few of them adopted the forward pass as an instrument of attack they were not prepared to meet the practical contingencies; but it did prove a running offense was possible in view

of the fact that there was a greater separation than ever before between the defensive rush line and backfield. The forward pass paved the way for strategy and generalship. Football soon became a contest of minds, rather than of brawn.

Indians Use Pass.

Teams like the Carlisle Indians and the University of Idaho did the pioneer work with the forward pass. The former, taught by Glenn Warner, won overwhelming victories by this means from standard formations. The latter upset all tradition in the Pacific northwest with its somewhat freak style of offense known as the "Idaho spread." These early attempts were successful because they brought an element of surprise into the attack. Also they proved the pass had possibilities and directed attention to it.

The development was gradual. By 1913 the pass proved to be sound strategy, capable of defeating a superior running attack on the part of superior men physically. In that year the Army, coached by Charley Daly, won a most spectacular and notable victory over the Navy by means of long forward passes. The following season saw Washington and Jefferson coached by Bob Folwell, rise from a middle position almost to the apex in eastern football, when his team, using a short forward pass, overwhelmed Yale and copied on all but equal terms with Harvard, a missed goal from touch-down alone causing defeat. Indeed, the most versatile running attack the game has ever seen was no more than equal to the new scheme of offense.

Open Game Has Advantage.

One does not have to go far for evidence to substantiate the fact that the open game, when properly employed, is a match for the running attack, even when the odds of weight, strength and experience are with the opposition. While this may be deplored by some it is nevertheless a fact. It must be taken into consideration in the problem of attack this season. While those eleven which have mastered the running attack are likely to continue with it just as those teams which have employed the pass with telling results seem duty bound to stand by their methods, there is a tendency, particularly in the middle West to evolve an offense combining the two, which should prove best in the long run. The East is conservative even in football. Missouri may have to show the way.

There are two ways to execute a successful forward pass. One is to maneuver the eligible man or men who receive it into a stationary position where there are no opponents. The other is to get the eligible man or men past the defense by fast running so that they will receive the ball while at full speed. Washington and Jefferson used the former, the Navy the latter. Each is equally effective. And in each the passer must be protected from opposing linemen until the ball is thrown. In all pass plays certain players must back them up in order to tackle any opponents who may catch the ball. Otherwise these opponents would score touchdowns against the team passing.

One Way to Throw Ball.

There is but one way to throw the forward pass. The ball should be held

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